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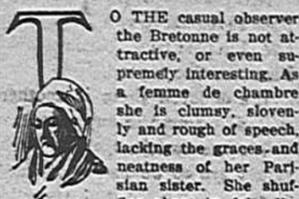
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THE WOMEN OF BRITTANY



THE casual observer the Bretonne is not attractive, or even supremely interesting. As a femme de chambre she is clumsy, slovenly and rough of speech, lacking the graces and neatness of her Parisian sister. She shuffles about in felt slippers, her voluminous black skirts catch in everything and, if she waits at the table d'hotel, her method of handling cutlery is strongly calculated to sever one's jugular vein. She has no regularity in her work, and at the hour that she ought to be making beds she is probably sitting on the public staircase nursing her baby. She is generally married and, conversely, often ten years younger than you take her to be. To English eyes she is rarely beautiful. Her hair is strained tightly under her cap, her cheeks have seldom any delicacy of tint, and her figure and motions are ungainly and awkward. One's admiration is more frequently excited by some aged crone, whose fine sharp features, alabaster complexion and brilliant eyes make a pretty picture of rustic dignity. But the favorable impression is dispelled when the old lady, after uttering a few guttural pleasantries, envelops herself and her neighbors in a cloud of potent and obnoxious snuff. The young Bretonne is no conversationalist, unless she has a very sad family history. She is no humorist, but never loses her hold on a joke she has once mastered. The maids of a wayside inn, having caught us fishing after sunset, by the Code Napoleon a heinous crime, never tired of reminding us that by rights we should have quitted the hospitable board at the hotel to languish in irons at the police station. Again, when our fish had dropped accidentally out of the creel and we came home empty-handed, it was suggested by a giggling chorus that we had sold our catch to pay our bill, which, by the way, amounted to ninety-five francs a month, all found.

The visitor, who expects to find the Bretonne a dainty maiden, making butter in picturesque costume and surroundings, is a trifle shocked to be greeted by the tanned women working in the fields, on the farms, in the sardine-curing factories and as porters on the quays. Less amazing is the laundress, plying her trade by the river side; but he could wish that she was not quite so neisy and vigorous, and that her white cap and black gown were a little more coquettishly put on. Certainly on fete days she looks better. Her ornate cap and coat, her colored apron, the rich gold or silver embroideries on her dress and the inevitable cotton sunshade, unique touch of modernity, make her less restrained, more animated. She casts aside the deportment of a nun and becomes a mere pleasure seeker, ordering her merriment, however, with discretion and economy. She is still outwardly cold and distant. It needs deep and intimate study before the Bretonne stands revealed in all the force of her fiercely religious, fiercely loving, fiercely revengeful nature.

With the exception of the Basque, the Breton is the oldest race in Europe. Dwelling on a remote, sterile and dangerous coast, this Celtic people have felt little influence or impulse from the outside world. Even their Christian missionaries have, as a rule, been hermits and recluses, appealing to their flock rather as uncanny sorcerers, to whom it was pro-

rumbling of the cart of Ankou, the dread gatherer of souls. Perhaps she herself dimly understands that in these actions she does homage to the spirits of her ancestors, now passed into their monuments. The idea of the dead as being intimately concerned in the doings of the living is no new thought to the girl of Lower Brittany. She knows that on All Saints' Eve the anon revisit their earthly homes and drink the cream she provides for them. She plights her troth before her forefathers in the churchyard. She knows that it is necessary to have their good will. They may be very useful. For instance, in return for a small coin placed on their tomb they will retrieve lost property or prevent a heavy-headed kinsman from oversleeping himself. On the other hand, neglect brings speedy and terrible vengeance. Very, very slowly those myths may be supplanted by the gentler Christian legend, in accordance with the precepts of which the Breton has long ordained his life. All the same, the weird and childish stories related about the most orthodox Christian saints lead one to imagine that in a land so wholly the plaything of the elements the most deep-felt reverence will be kept for the primeval forces of nature—above all,



The Trivial Round.

for the sea, that inexorable claimant of Brittany's noblest sons, and who leaves it, for two-thirds of the year, a land bereft of men.

The Bretonne is not always so solemn and devout, albeit it is at the "pardons" that she and her sweetheart do the best part of their courting and lay in a stock of gay memories to solace him when pursuing his fishing trade along the desolate Iceland coast, and to support her in her eight months' solitude. These pardons, erstwhile wholly pious in their aims, are yearly growing more like their secular brethren, the fates, a consummation brought about, it is to be feared, by the ubiquitous foreign tourist. For the especial benefit of the American visitor enterprising persons have lately revived or inaugurated merrymakings, for which "pardon" is only a courtesy title. In the larger towns both pardons and fetes are tending to become artificial and theatrical. The old regime is better studied in the weekly markets, which, from time immemorial, have been held in nearly every township. Here the Bretonne is in her element, and handles pigs, poultry and rabbits in a manner which would be masterly if it were not also a trifle cruel. She is slow, canny and even grasping, and certainly inclined to parsimony. She seldom buys a whole new gown, since in Brittany patching is a recognized art, practiced by the highest. New caps and collars, neck ribbons and laces, do not tempt her sorely, as does a gaudy rosary or a flaunting trinket. It is little wonder that she wishes to look well during the brief weeks that she has her sailor sweetheart at her side. It is natural that during her spell of happiness she strains every nerve so that she may swell in the thoughts of her Yves in all the glory of her Sunday best, a neat, comely little housewife, screening him from the perils of the deep by the prayer in her heart and the longing look in her eyes.

R. M. MORRISON.



Woman's Work.

dent to submit, than as mild and paternal rulers, whom it was well to follow. There are many churches, resorts for pilgrims and suppliants. But the power invoked at Auray is not St. Anne, mother of the Virgin Mary, but Ane, mother of the Gods, Presider over the Destinies of Men, Receiver of the Dead. The Bretonne does not realize it, any more than when worshipping a saint's image perched amid the boughs of a tree she realizes that she is perpetuating the Druidic ceremonies of the sacred grove. On the dolmens—great stones set up under Druidic rule to the memory of some certain chieftain of old—the priest has carved a cross or painted an image. But he cannot eradicate the instinct which prompts the Basque-Bretonne to dab them with oil and honey, and to invoke them with strange rites that she may find a worthy husband, that she may be blessed with children, or that it may be long before she bears the

BACK TO THE FARM

STATE BOARD OF TRADE CONVENES AT PARKERSBURG THIS MONTH.

When the state board of trade convenes at Parkersburg next month, the "back to the farm" movement, which was some time ago inaugurated by Governor Glasscock, will be encouraged and the board will outline a campaign to encourage farmers and their children to remain on the old farm instead of seeking fortunes in our crowded cities. Much interest is being taken in a land show by members of the board, and in all probabilities one or more shows of this kind in the larger cities of the state will be held. These shows have proven a great success in other states where the back to the farm movement has been inaugurated.

Elaborate arrangements are now being made by the state board for this meeting and the full program will be announced within the next few days. Chief among the speakers at the meeting will be an address on the great natural resources of this state by Edward W. Parker, of Washington, head of the geological survey, who took the survey of this state. This address will be the most interesting that has ever been delivered before a meeting of the state board and will prove very instructive to residents of this state. Dr. White of Morgantown will also deliver an address on the resources of West Virginia. Other addresses will be made by prominent speakers, while the reports of the president, secretary and other officials will prove interesting. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at the meeting and the meeting place for 1911 selected.

Each year that the board hold their annual meeting a campaign on some particular object that would prove of benefit to the state is outlined. This notable feature this year will probably be the great land show project which will without a doubt prove a great success in encouraging the "back to the farm" movement in West Virginia, a state where the demand for farm truck is greater than the supply, which has resulted in prices of food stuff taking an upward jump. Governor Glasscock will attend the meeting if possible and will speak on this movement. The state executive was first to suggest this great movement which has been favorably received.

The land shows would be held in the larger cities at which samples of the rich soil of this state would be exhibited. Vegetables that are raised in this state would also be exhibited and the affair would not only encourage our farmers to remain on the farms but would be the means of bringing farmers from other states here.

TOO LATE



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Curiously Expressed.

Curious ways of expressing ideas in English may be expected from foreigners, as, for instance, when the Frenchman, who made a call in the country and was about to be introduced to the family, said: "Ah, so ladies! Zen I would before, if you please, wish to purify mine 'ands and to sweep mine hair."

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One of the most curious errors as to seasickness is that it is a suffering which the sturdier accidents did not know. Really there is plenty of allusion to the trouble in the ancient classics. Above all there was that bout of seasickness which, according to Seneca, cost Cicero his life. It was so bad that rather than endure it any longer he put back to land, risking certain death at the hands of Mark Antony's agents if they caught him, as they did. The word "nausea" is Greek, meaning literally "shippiness."

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STOCKHOLDERS MEETING. A special meeting of the Stockholders of the Waterloo, Buffalo & Winfield Telephone Co. will be held at Flat Rock School House, Mason County, West Virginia, on Saturday, the 5th day of November, 1910, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of transacting such business as may be lawfully brought before the meeting. GEO. T. ADKINS, Pres. THOS. Z. BLESSING, Sec'y. Oct. 12-4t.

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